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In re Application of

YACOOB TABANI et al

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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Please enter the following amendments.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following for the paragraph beginning at page 27 line 13.

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The dialyzer can also be rinsed by passing water to the dialysate inlet 207a from water source 227/through a valve 228 using a water heater 229. This rinse water may be mixed with air to enter the dialyzer through inlet port 229a through a pressure regulator 233 and a valve 232. The rinsing water exits the dialyzer 211a from the lumen exit 210a to the mist separator 223 through a valve 231. The port 208a is closed via valve 230. The

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